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# Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

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From the Evening Post, October 26.

VIENNA, October 16.

**T**HEY talk, that the Nobility of Mecklenburg have presented a new Memorial to the Emperor, requiring, in very moving Terms, That the Affairs of that Dutchy, which have so long continued in a perplexed State, may be speedily brought to a Conclusion; the more, because that Duke threatens to return shortly to his own Dominions by the Assistance of the Czar.

Count Cowentzel, Lord High Marshal of the Imperial Court, has already made necessary Dispositions, and appointed proper Lodgings on the Road for the Return of their Imperial Majesties to this City.

Vienna, October 16. Here are handed about Articles of a Treaty between this Court and that of Saxony, concluded some Time since by General Fleming; the chief Purport of which Treaty is:

- I, An Offensive and Defensive Alliance between the said two Powers.
- II, For settling a free and uninterrupted Commerce 'twixt Bohemia & Saxony.
- III, Composing in a friendly Manner, by Commissioners, the Differences concerning the Family of Schomburg.

- IV, Settling the Succession to the Crown of Poland.

Hamburg, October 22. 'Tis said that the Prince of East Friesland is to be married to the Princess Culmbach, Sister to the Consort of the Prince of Denmark.

London, October 26. Yesterday the young Prince William Augustus was brought from Richmond to Leicester-house, attended by his Servants and a Detachment of the Horse Guards.

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*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

*Petersburg, Oct. 1.* The Entertainment which the Persian Ambassador lately gave here, was very splendid and sumptuous: He was observed to treat every Body with a due Distinction, having received on the Shoar his Imperial Majesty, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Holstein, at their Landing; the Princes of Hesse Hombourg at the Stairs Foot before the House; and the others according to their respective Ranks. The Table was served at five a Clock, not after the Persian but German Manner, during which, the Ambassador not only forbore sitting down, but abstain'd from taking Tobacco. Some Guns planted before the House were fired at every Health, and the Company continued there till 10 o' Clock. He is now at Petershoff with his Majesty, in order to see the Fleet, and other Curiosities there, from whence he is expected here to Day, in order to begin his Journey forthwith. The Czar has given the Regiment of Archangel to the eldest of the young Princes of Hesse Hombourg, and to the younger a Company of Guards in the Preobrazinski Regiment. The 3 Men of War that were lately mentioned to be laden with warlike Stores, is to set out for Persia, in Company of the Persian Ambassador, who is returning home: 'Tis said the Baron Presiki is to stay there in Quality of his Czarish Majesty's Resident at the Court of the young Sophi.

*Berlin, Oct. 19.* This Week arrived here two young Russian Lords, and 'tis said one of them is the Son of the Russian Field Marshall Czeremetof, and the other young Prince Repnin, who are going to England to study the Laws of that Kingdom. The King has ordered the Colonels of the Regiments to reinforce each Company with 12 Men, so that new Levies are begun again.

*Bern, Oct. 20.* Advices from Florence relate, That Father Thomasi, a Franciscan Fryar, is arrived there from Rome, with necessary Powers from the Pope, to give the Apostolical Benediction to the Grand Duke of Tuscany.

*Golwe, Oct. 26.* His Royal Highness the Duke of York arrived here from Osnaburg on the 24th Instant, intending to hunt and pass his time with the K. of Great Britain, while his Majesty stays here: The Duke and Dutchess of Blankenburg are daily expected. There is to be here in a few Days, a Review of a Body of 5 or 6000 Men of the King's Troops.

*Paris, Oct. 30.* On the 20th, as the Marquis de Palais, Lieutenant of the Guards du Corps, was riding out with the King to Hunting, his Horse getting the Bitt of the Bridle in his Mouth, run away with him, and threw him into a Ditch near Trainon, and boke his Neck and his Thigh.

Mr. Walpole, who lately arrived here, is going to Hanover. Baron Bentincker, Plenipotentiary of the Emperor, arrived here this Week from Cambray. The Princeps of Tingry is very ill of the small Pox.

*London, Oct. 24.* Yesterday Evening Mr. John Stanley, a Youth under 12 Years of Age, was chosen Organist of the united Parishes of Allhallows, Breadstreet and St. John the Evangelist, in the Room of Mr. Babel deceas'd. 'Tis said that notwithstanding his Youth and the great Misfortune of his being Blind, which happened to him when about two Years old, he is a Prodigy for performing on the Harpsicord and Organ, and in the Opinion of good Judges, bids fair to equal, if not exceed the Merit of his celebrated Predecessor. It is remarkable, that he played in the Church before he was 9 Years old.

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*Lisbon, Sept. 28.* On the 20th Instant the *Victory*, a Portuguese Man of War of 60 Guns, which about three Months ago was sent upon a secret Expedition to the Cape de Verde Islands, returned to this Port. Four Days before she came in, she met with 3 Algerines from 50 to 60 Guns each, and engaged them; but night coming on they were parted, and met no more; the Expedition the said Ship was sent upon, was thus: The British Vice Consul of Vigo, having been assured there by a Mullatto, a Native of St. Antonio, one of the Cape de Verde Islands, That he knew of a considerable Treasure which had been buried in that Island by a Crew of Pyrates, being what they had taken on board of a Spanish Packet Boat; the said Vice Consul with 13 English Mariners and the Mulatto went in June last in a Sloop from Vigo to that Island, upon this Discovery. This Court having Intelligence, that they were gone with this Design, dispatched the Man of War abovementioned, with Orders to seize the Treasure for the King of Portugal, the Island of St. Antonio belonging to this Crown. The *Victory* arriving at that Island, found the said Vice Consul and Mariners; whose Sloop had been driven on Shore there by a French Pyrate of 14 Guns; the Captain of the Portuguese Man of War, soon after his Arrival at the said Island, examined the Mulatto, who persisted in the same Account, till being required to shew where the Riches were, he at length affirmed the whole to have been an Invention of his own; in order to procure the Means of returning to St. Antonio, his native Country. For this Procedure he was immediately put in Irons, and was brought on board the Man of War hither, in order to be try'd: The British Subjects were likewise ordered on board, and upon their Arrival here were imprisoned. The British Consul made a Representation in their Behalf to the King of Portugal, and a favourable Answer is expected.

*Lisbon, Oct. 4.* The Vice Consul of Vigo and 13 English Mariners which were brought hither Prisoners from the Island of St. Antonio, were set at Liberty on the 2d Instant; but the Mulatto, who was the Occasion of their taking that Voyage, had received Sentence of Death. His Britannick Majesty's Ship the *Tryal Slop* is preparing to sail from hence for Gibraltar.

*Florence, Oct. 9.* Our Great Duke begins to eat with a better Appetite than he has done ever since his Illness; but as he does not recover any Strength, we are still afraid of his Life. A magnificent Coffin is made here, which cost the Zeffirini Family 9000 Ducats, and is to be forthwith sent to Cortona, to be the Repository of the Corps of St. Ugolina Zeffirini which is deposited in one of the Churches of that City.

*Rome, Oct. 9.* Sunday last being the Festival of our Lady of Rosary, the Dominican Fryars made a Procession as usual, in which a considerable Number of young Women, who were ready for Matrimony, walked two and two, and had Bounty Money distributed to them by the Brotherhood for their Portions.

*Genoa, Oct. 9.* Monday Night last, we had a violent Storm of Thunder and Lightning with some Rain, That we were afraid of a second Deluge. The Lightning fell also on divers Parts of the City, but thanks be to God no Body was kill'd; yet great Damage has been done both in the City and Country by the Torrents of Water.

*Paris, Oct. 22.* 'Tis said that a Dispute is risen betwixt this Court and the Grand Seignior, but that Care is taking to adjust it with all Speed, least our Trade to the Levant should suffer by it. Mr. Horatio Walpole arrived here the 20th from London: He has already seen several of the Foreign Ministers, but 'tis said he only came hither to see the Curiosities of this City, and that he proposes to set out for Hanover in a Fortnights Time. We have no Certainty of taking the six Highwaymen who murdered the English Gentlemen near Calais, but the Duke of Orleans having sent several Exempts with Orders to pursue and apprehend them at any Rate: 'Tis thought they cannot well escape.

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*From the Weekly Journal, October 26.*

We hear from Brussels, That the Marquis de Prie has given Notice to the States of Brabant, not to pay the Dutch the Five hundred thousand Florins which the Emperor granted them by the Barrier Treaty. This is done by way of Reprisal for some Steps they, the Dutch, are taking against the new E. India Company, which now they find the Emperor is fully determined to support. They add from the same Place, That several Missionaries, Jesuites and other Ecclesiastics, who have already been in India and China, are to go with the two first Ships, the Company proposing, by their Means, to gain Settlements from the Mogul and the Emperor of China, those Missionaries bearing a great Sway with the People of those Countries.

*London, October 26.* Saturday last the Corps of the late Earl Cowper was interr'd privately, according to his own Request; the Bearers were Gentlemen who had formerly been Officers under him when Lord Chancellor: The young Earl appeared as Chief Mourner, being supported by two other Gentlemen, who had also been Officers under his late Lordship. The Funeral was intended to be managed with great Privacy, yet was it attended with a more noble Pomp than has of late followed the Funerals of any of our late Great Men; I mean the Tears of his Countrymen and Neighbours, the last Sign of a Great Good Man.

Mr. Douglas, who was last Week taken into Custody of a Messenger, upon being examined, was discharged. We hear the Occasion of his being taken up, was by some Papers pull'd out of his Pocket writ in Short-hand (in which Way of Writing that Gentleman seems very curious) which being perceived by a Gentleman well affected to his Majesty's Government, who taking them for Letters writ in Cyphers, gave Information thereof.

There are other Persons in Custody who, 'tis said, will make farther Discoveries of the late Plot.

They write from Rome, That the Pregnancy of the Princess Sobieski, Consort of the Chevalier de St. George, has been declared; and that there has been very signal Rejoycings there on that Occasion.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, Oct. 26.*

*Hague, Oct. 25.* The States General having written towards the End of last Month to the King of Prussia, to desire him to revoke the Ordinance, by which he has forbid the bringing in of all foreign Salt into his Dominions, and even the Sale of that which is actually in Ware-houses there; his Prussian Majesty has answered their High Mightinesses, *That having considerable Mines of salt in his Country of Magdebourgh, the general Good of his own Subjects, required of him to prefer the Salt of his own Dominions to that of foreign Salt. That this Consideration hindered him from granting the Request of the Republic of Holland, by revoking his last Ordinance, but that to give them particular Proofs of his Affection, he would Consent that all the Salt which the Dutch have in Warehouses in his Towns of Prussia, might be Sold by whole Sale to Polish or Muscovite Merchants.*

This Answer is not pleasing to the City of Amsterdam, whose Merchants drive a great Trade in the Salts of France and Portugal; which they carry to Koningsberg, where they sell it to the Merchants of Russia and Poland; but they hope this Prohibition cannot subsist long, because they pretend, that the Salt Pits of Magdeburg, Brunswick, Saxony and Poland, cannot be employed in the curing of Fish or Flesh, as several Experiments have testified. The States of the Province of Zealand are actually fitting out three Men of War of 50 Guns each; at which Armament the Offenders are very uneasy.

*Wye's Lettes verbatim, London, October 25.*

**T**HE States of Holland, in their last Meeting, thought proper under the present Juncture, to take into Consideration the State of their Finances, particularly about raising Money to be paid by Annuities; but they did not  
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come to any Resolution thereon. 'Tis said their High Mightinesses are prevailing with the King of Portugal, not to give the least Countenance or Encouragement to the Offend East India Company, who on the other Hand insist, That they have as great a Right and Title to trade to the Indies, as the Dutch themselves; and that they can most evidently demonstrate the same by the following Argument, *viz.* That if Prescription be binding against particular Persons, if it finally determines Law Controversies; and when grounded on a continued Possession and Enjoyment of any Thing, can confer a Right and Title to it. For how many strong Reasons ought it to be conclusive in Affairs that relate to Princes, who most of them possess their Dominions by Virtue of no other, at least no better Title than that of Prescription or long Possession. And should any one by a new and rash System, go about to reject the Form and Effect of Prescription, he would do no other than sow the Seed of War.

On Tuesday last at 2 in the Morning, 6 Horses loaded with Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa-nut, were seized at Hackney by Mr. Child a Customs-house Officer. The same is valued at 1500 L. and supposed to be Goods run from Offend up Hackney River, and that the Road they took was from the Angel at Shotford, over by the Templemills, and so to Hammerton in Hackney, where they were apprehended. The Method taken to stop them, after Information, was to put Chains cross the Road.

We have Advice, that a Moorish Pyrate of 38 Guns had taken the Hester, bound from Messina to London, and carried her into Larrache, where after being plundered, she was discharged, and was arrived at Gibraltar and 'tis likewise advised that the Delight, on which Ship, upwards of 1000 L. of Insutance is made at Mr. Prade's Office by the Royal Exchange, was about the 15th of August last foundered at Sea, 8 Leagues off of Porto and all the Cargo lost, but the Crew saved their Lives.

They write from Dover, That Sir Thomas Clarges and his Lady went over to Calais the 17th Instant, and on the 19th at 12 at Night, Capt. John Waddington sailed for Calais, being dispatched by the Chancellor for Paris; at the same time also sailed a by-Boat with the Lady Landown, who used to go in the Packet Boat.

Some Passengers from Naples report, That Alderman Barber continues to live there in great Splendour. And some say, that Mr. Knight, late Cashier of the the South Sea Company lived there in the like Grandeur; but was willing to return to his native Country, could he do it with Safety.

'Tis discorred that a certain great Man is against taking off the late Lord Bollingbrook's Attainder, but this we believe to be without Foundation, by reason the King has been pleased to grant him his most gracious Pardon; and that consequently the Attainder will not meet with such Opposition in Parliament, as has been given out.

There is some Talk of a great Place that will suddenly become Vacant, and be filled by the Lord L—re.

The Lord Chief Baron Montague lies dangerously ill.

The Yachts for bringing over the King has not Orders to Sail till the Middle of the next Month.

We are advised from the Ghore, That on the 28th Instant, his Majesty took a Review of 2 Regiments of Horse and 3 of Foot, of such of his Forces as are quartered in that Neighbourhood; his Majesty continues in perfect Health, and frequently takes the Diversion of Hunting.

The Prince and Princess of Wales came to Town from Richmond in an open Chaise with their usual Guard.

S. S. Stock 112.

A Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Peter Baxter a Broker of Exchange Alley.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

**T**Here wandred, from a Place about a Mile from Edinburgh, on the Southside thereof, upon Monday being 28th of this Month, a young Dog of the Spanish Kind, not Tall but pretty thick, with 2 dark brown Lugs, and a large Mark of the same Colour, with a Spot a little above his Tail, with a brunt Mark upon his right Hip. Enquire at the Royal Coffee-house, where they will be handsomely rewarded.

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**A** COMPOUND for improving of Land, which for it's Virtue, surpasses any Thing that has yet appeared, impregnating the Seeds of every Kind of Corn, to such a Degree, as scarce any single Grain misgives, whereby Half the Quantity of Seed usually taken will suffice; and from that Half sown, an increase is to be expected, modestly speaking, Double, if not Triple of what the full Seed would otherwise produce; and yet is so far from weakening, That it nourishes the Ground, and puts it in a much better Condition than it was before: And operating not only upon a rich Soil, but serving in Place of Dung, has also a surprising Effect upon the Coldest and Poorest Grounds, where no Dung is used: Of such a Quality as it may be kept for a Term of Years without losing it's Virtue. Is made by Robert Geddes Chirurgeon Apothecary in Edinburgh, and sold only at the Laigh Coffee-House there. Price 1 s. a Chopin Bottle.

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Pour a Bottle of the Compound upon a Peck of Seed, of any kind of Corn, and so proportionably less or more, according to the Quantity of Seed to be sown, without any other Mixture whatsoever; let the Seed be immediatly moved, or turned over in the Vessel, so as it may be all equally wet by the Compound; continue to move or turn it over, at least once every Half-Hour, for the Space of four Hours, that it may drink the Compound wholly up; And whenever the Seed is so dry, as it does separate well enough in the Hand for sowing, let it be sown into the Ground; and cause harrow the Ground without Loss of Time.

N. B. The Inventor of this Composition makes it easy to try the Experiment, confident of the Virtue of the Compound; he proposes the Simplest Method of using it. Mere Pretenders usually leave much to be done by those they prescribe to, that when their Experiments fail, they may have a Handle left them, to throw the Blame from off themselves.

\* \* \* That the excellent Treatise on BOOK-KEEPING, by the late Ingenious Mathematician Mr. Alexander Macghee, who taught that Science so successfully in this City for many Years, being lately very accurately Printed here, is to be Sold at his Relict Mr. Macghee's Shop, a little above Black Fryar Wynd; and at George Stuart Bookseller his Shop in the Parliament Clois. Price bound in Calf, 4 sh. Sterk. Stitch'd, 3 sh.

†† To be sold, a fine Chariot and 2 handsome young well sized Mares. Enquire at George Purdie, in the Exchange Coffee-House, Edinburgh.

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## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

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